

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Krause on 29 January 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 13 Line 1 please delete the second occurrence of - - the - - and in its place insert - - each - -

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art made of record discloses, teaches, or suggests a vacuum cleaner comprising a nozzle, a main body having a cyclone dust collector, a dust receptacle, a main body frame having upper and lower casings, a button operation portion formed on an upper part of the main body frame, and first and second connecting projections that are integrally formed with the button operation portion and which extend through corresponding first and second openings in the main body, the first and second connection projections moving downwardly and into the main body by depressing the button operation portion, a motor within the main body, a frame portion pivotably connected with the nozzle assembly, and having first and second connecting

grooves formed in the frame portion such that the first and second connecting grooves are spaced apart from each other and proximate to opposing sides of the frame portion, wherein the main body is detachable from the frame by operation of the button operation portion, wherein the button operation portion further comprises a button operation portion body that is semicircular, and a biasing member, a pressing button, and a guide extended from one side of the button operation portion.

Specifically, US 2002/0162188 to Harmen and US 5,524,321 to Weaver et al. disclose many components similar to the Applicant's device, but do not include first and second connecting projections that are integrally formed with the button operation portion and which extend through corresponding first and second openings in the main body, the first and second connection projections moving downwardly and into the main body by depressing the button operation portion, a motor within the main body, and having first and second connecting grooves formed in the frame portion such that the first and second connecting grooves are spaced apart from each other and proximate to opposing sides of the frame portion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura C. Guidotti whose telephone number is (571) 272-

1272. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30am - 5pm, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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